

REMARKS

The Examiner has required the Applicant to elect one of two groups of claims: Group I (claims 1-8) drawn to a method and Group II (claims 9-21) drawn to a laboratory device.

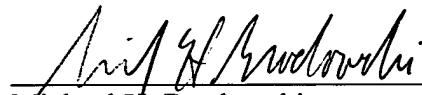
Applicant hereby elects with traverse Group I (claims 1-8) for further prosecution.

Applicant respectfully requests that the application now proceed promptly to examination. If the Examiner believes that a telephone conversation with Applicant's attorney would expedite allowance of this application, the Examiner is cordially invited to call the undersigned attorney at (617) 261-3113.

Respectfully submitted,

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